

REMARKS

The Office Action dated May 2, 2006 has been reviewed and the Examiner's comments carefully considered. Prior to the paper, claims 1-3 were pending in the application. By this paper, Applicant cancels claim 3 without prejudice or disclaimer, and does not add any claims. Therefore, claims 1-2 are now pending.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance for at least the reasons that follow.

Indication of Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks Examiner Charles for the indication that claim 3 contains allowable subject matter. In reliance on this indication, Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the subject matter of claim 3.

Objections to the Specification

In the Office Action, the disclosure is objected to in view of an informality with respect to the juxtaposition of the numbers "1" and "2" on page 5, line 12. Applicant hereby amends the specification, as shown above, and requests reconsideration in view of Applicant's amendments. Applicant thanks Examiner Charles for recommending a change to the specification to remove the objection.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Friedmann (United States Patent No. 5,169,365). In response, Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the recitations of claim 3, which was indicated as containing allowable

subject matter and not rejected in view of prior art. The amendment to claim 1 is made without prejudice or disclaimer, in order to advance prosecution.

Applicant respectfully submits that with the amendment to claim 1, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) are now moot.

Conclusion

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

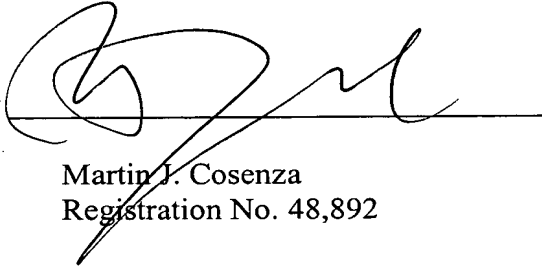
Examiner Charles is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

Date

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